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#### PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (Italian)

11:00 a.m. (Family Mass)

#### **WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASSES**

Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Mass is celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on weekday statutory holidays.

#### **DEVOTIONALS**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Mass & Novena

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

#### **ROSARY**

Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Those interested in having their child(ren) baptized must contact the Parish office to obtain a registration package.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples engaged to be married must contact the Parish office one year in advance.

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#### 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus replies to Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him.

## SOLEMN MASSES ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

Please join us on Thursday, November 1st and Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm as we celebrate two bilingual Solemn Masses for All Saints Day and All Souls' Day.

Please note that there will be candles available for purchase (\$5 each) and a sheet of paper for you to write the names of your beloved departed to be remembered in all Masses throughout the month of November. Please include the names of your deceased loved ones, with your donation, in the *All Souls' Day* donation envelope.

#### **VOLUNTEERS: CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with our Children's Liturgy program which takes place every Sunday morning at the 11:00 am Mass throughout the school year. If you are interested please contact the Parish office.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Thank you to all those who donated to last weekend's special collection for **World Missions**. If you would still like to make a donation, please do so during the weekend Masses or you may visit the Parish office - Monday to Friday - to drop off your contribution. To learn more, please visit: www.missionsocieties.ca.

**Shepherds' Trust**: The next special collection will go towards Shepherds' Trust. The date is for set for the weekend of **November 17th & 18th**. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it is a tangible way to care for those who always cared for us and give thanks for the blessings we have received through them.

Humanitarian Relief: We are still accepting donations in the effort to support the survivors of the two significant natural disasters in Indonesia and the Philippines. The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be sent through Caritas Internationalis, the official relief network of the Vatican. Donations can be made through St. Brigid's using our Humanitarian Relief Fund Donation Envelopes and/or through the Archdiocese of Toronto's online portal at www.archtoronto.org.

#### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the students who are now enrolled in the First Holy Communion Program. The first Catechism class will take place on Sunday, December 2nd at 9:30 am at the Church Hall. If you have not yet registered your child, please contact the Parish Office to pick up your package.

## CONFIRMATION: ENROLLMENT CEREMONY, REGISTRATION & INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, November 18th at the 11:00 am Mass Information Session at 12:00 Noon in the Church Hall

This is for children in Grade 7 or those over the age of 12 who are interested in beginning the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Classes Start on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm Church Hall in the DUC in Altum Room

This program is for adults who would like to become Catholic or fully initiated into the Catholic Church. If you are interested in knowing more about this program OR if you would like to register, please contact the Parish office before Tuesday, November 20th.

## FR. CARLOS' SPECTACULAR 65th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Our Pastor, Fr. Carlos A. Sierra Tobon will be celebrating his 65th Birthday at the end of November. To honour this milestone birthday, we ask you to save the date of **Friday, November 30th** for a "spectacular" celebration with Fr. Carlos' friends and family. We will be selling tickets soon in order to cover the cost of food, only. Each ticket is \$30.

For more information, please contact Linda Ward at: (416) 473-1149 or the Parish office at: (416) 696-8660.

## ANNUAL RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

On Saturday, December 8th we are planning a pilgrimage to St. Louis Church, the oldest Church in the Diocese of Buffalo, New York, St. Anthony of Padua Church in Buffalo, and to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, in Lewiston, New York. We will also have the opportunity to see the Festival of Lights. All those interested in going should contact the Parish office. Seats are limited – Don't delay!

The cost for this excursion is **\$60 per person**. In order to reserve your spot you must leave a \$20 deposit per person.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED: a valid Canadian Passport or if you are not a Canadian citizen, you will require a valid passport and a VISA to enter the U.S. PLUS a Permanent Resident Card to enter back into Canada. Without these documents, you will not be permitted to enter the U.S. Medical insurance is recommended.

## WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 7:30 AM SHARP!

#### "THE SPIRITUALITY OF DEEP STEWARDSHIP"

Every year, the Priests, Bishops and the Cardinal of the Archdiocese of Toronto gather together for few days in Alliston for spiritual study. This year's seminar was about "Deep Stewardship: Unpacking the True Meaning of Stewardship in Light of the Pastoral Plan". Following is an excerpt from Cardinal Thomas Collins' report...

What is a Stewardship? The term stewardship is often taken to be a code word for "tithing" or for "fundraising for religious purposes". But stewardship is not just about money, if we do think in this way, then stewardship will become just another program. But if we think and seek deeply the real meaning of stewardship we will be able to find the profound meaning that stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is some-times called "the attitude of gratitude". We recognize that everything in life is a gift from God. We do not ultimately own anything, but are entrusted with time, talent and treasure for use during our brief passage through this life. And at the end of life, we take nothing with us, except the life which arises out of generous love.

Deep stewardship means having our priorities straight. As Disciples of Christ, we must be clear about what really matters. Time, talent and treasure: these are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude. If we do that, day by day until the day when we are called to account, then we will experience the joyful serenity of deep stewardship.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TCDSB TRUSTEES

On behalf of Fr. Carlos, we would like to congratulate **Nancy Crawford** - our long standing parishioner, volunteer, and member of our community on her win as the Ward 12 Catholic School Trustee. We would also like to congratulate **Angela Kennedy** on her win as our Ward 11 Catholic School Trustee. May God continue to bless you.

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

The regular collection for the week ending on October 21, 2018 was \$3,309.50. Please remember St. Brigid's Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.)!

#### XXX DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO / B

Seguire la chiamata di Dio ha sempre voluto dire lasciare qualcosa dietro di sé, andare verso l'ignoto, rinnegare la logica della carne e delle sicurezze umane per affidarsi totalmente al Dio delle promesse. Questo diventa più difficile oggi. Se nel passato la fede poteva costituire una spiegazione o una interpretazione dell'universo, un luogo di sicurezza di fronte alle assurdità della storia e al mistero del mondo, oggi non è più così. «I movimenti di idee, il progresso tecnologico, la espansione dei consumi, la mobilità migratoria e turistica, l'urbanizzazione crescente e caotica con le conseguenti enormi difficoltà di integrazione comunitaria, l'aggressione della pubblicità, l'instabilità politica, economica e sociale, con tutti i problemi connessi, concorrono ad acuire la lacerazione interiore, ancor più sensibile negli uomini di cultura.

#### **COLLETTA SETTIMANALE**

La colletta regolare della settimana 21 Ottobre 2018 e' stata \$3,309.50. Grazie per la vostra contribuzione per aiutare alle spese della chiesa. Dio vi recompense. Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrochia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?

## **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, October 27th

9:00 a.m. +Frank Walyn, req. by Maria Le Hunte
5:00 p.m. Special Blessing for Frances O'Callaghan, req. by Tom & Sheila Johnston
+Oto Corsano, req. by the Family

#### Sunday, October 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Per Tutti I Defunti Della Famiglia di Antonietta & Carmine Schiavo, req. by the Schaivo Family +Antonio & Carmelo Gesualdo, reg. by Donato &

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+Salvatore & Leonarda Paladino, req. by the Paladino Family

+Biagio Leo, req. by Anna Leo

+Leonarda, Giuseppe & Antonina Gandolfo,

req. by Anna Leo & Pina Sala

+Rocco Sala, req. by Pina Sala & Anna Leo +Angelo Pagniello, req. by Maria Valentini +Maria Mendicino, req. by the Parish

+Fedelina Lamanna, req. by the parish

11:00 a.m. Special Birthday Blessing and a Special Blessing for

Good Health for Linda Francis +Melinda Lim, req. by the Family

+Gaetano & Giovanna Scala, req. by the Family

#### Monday, October 29th

12:00 p.m. Special Blessing & Healing for Amanda & Albina

#### Tuesday, October 30th

12:00 p.m. +Danilo Dalida, reg. by the Family

#### Wednesday, October 31st

12:00 p.m. +Giovanni & Maria Naccarato, req. by Joe Naccarato

6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Meditation, Vespers-Liturgy of the Hours

7:00 p.m. Novena Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

#### Thursday, November 1st ~ All Saints Day

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction12:00 p.m. In Honour of All the Saints, req. by Maria Distasio Special Birthday Blessing for Maria Le Hunte

+Leonardo & Pasqualina Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

+Grazia Cusma, req. by Carmela Cusma +Maria Lamanna, req. by the Family

7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass: All Saints (Bilingual)

#### Friday, November 2nd ~ All Souls' Day

12:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of Distasio & Morlando

Families, req. by Tina Morlando

+Michael & Josephine Del Grande, req. by Lucia Del Grande

7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass: All Souls (Bilingual)

#### Saturday, November 3rd ~ St. Martin de Porres

9:00 a.m. For All the Deceased Members of our Community12:00 p.m. Wedding Mass: Marino Trentadue & Danielle Doering

5:00 p.m. For All the Deceased Members of the Fiorello & Ruggiero

Families, req. by Rocchina Ruggiero

For All the Deceased Members of the Turco Family +Giovanni & Maria Carpino, req. by the Family

+Rita Maione, req. by the Family +Oto Corsano, req. by the Family



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